a very responsible officer should conduct these elections in view of the fact that there is no voters' list?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—That is the very reason why Tahsildars are conducting these elections now.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not a fact that the Government are amending the legislation so as to minimise these difficulties?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. President.—Are the elections put off in the absence of the officer concerned to the inconvenience of the people assembled?

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The elections are put off; the people have to wait for the whole day. Great inconvenience is felt on account of this practice.

Mr. President.—I do not think that the public are to be put to such inconveniences. The question has to be looked into.

Digging a tank in Puthuruthi Village.

255. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was not a petition from Mr. P. V. Ananthanarayana Ayyar and others of Puthuruthi village in the Talappalli Taluk to have a tank in Survey Nos. 189 and 190 of Puthuruthi village dated 29th Vrischigam 1107 ;

(b) whether the petitioners have not been told that the tank will be had soon in P-5-9428/1107, dated 10th April 1932 ;

(c) whether the tank has been made as yet?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. The petitioners were not told that the tank will be had soon, but they were told that the work will be taken up when funds permit.

(c) No. If funds permit this will be provided for in 1112

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government been satisfied that the tank mentioned in the question is a necessary one?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has this village got any public tank?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—No; if funds permit it will be attended to in 1112.

Representation of Depressed Classes in the Revenue Department.

256. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. എസ്സ്. കൃഷ്ണൻവൈദ്യർ.— താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ ഉദ്യോഗം ഭരിക്കുന്ന വല്ല അധഃകൃത രും ഉണ്ടോ; ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ അടുത്തുണ്ടാവുന്ന നിയമനങ്ങളിൽ അപേക്ഷകന്മാർക്ക് ജോലി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.— ഉണ്ട്.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member for Revenue kindly inform the House the total number of hands from the depressed classes in his department at present?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.— ൮ ആളുകളുണ്ട്.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not rather too low a figure?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.— സമ്പ്രദായിട്ടുള്ള അധഃകൃതരെ കിട്ടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഉടനെ അവർക്കും ജോലി കൊടുക്കാം.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—At least for peon's posts?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.— അവർക്ക് വേറെ ജോലികൊടുക്കുവാൻ യാതൊരു നിവൃത്തിയുമില്ല.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I rest assured that the Hon'ble Member will do whatever he can to see that their number is increased?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.— കഴിയുന്ന സന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം അവർക്കുവേണ്ടി കഴിയുന്നതെല്ലാം ചെയ്യാം.

Fishery Department—statistics of receipts and disbursements.

257. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the State fishery is a lucrative concern to the Government at present;

(b) the statistics of the State fishery of the last 5 years on both the receipt and disbursement side?

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